

## Flashes of Fun.

—A camel will work for seven or eight days without drinking. In this he differs from some men, who will drink seven or eight days without working.

—“How is coal this morning?” asked a purchaser of an Irishman in a coal yard.

“Black as iver,” replied Patrick, respectfully taking off his hat.

—A man said to his aged mother speaking of his wife, “I do wish I could keep Mary from exaggerating so.” “Get her to talk about her age,” responded the shrewd old lady.

—It is said that in the Keystone State a man is allowed to marry his mother-in-law. This is nothing strange. A man in Massachusetts often marries the whole of his wife's family.

—A robust man meeting a physician, ran to hide behind a wall. On being asked the cause he replied, “It has been so long since I was sick that I am ashamed to look a physician in the face.”

—A contemporary, recording the fall of a person into the river, says: “It is a wonder that he escaped with his life.” Wouldn't it have been a still greater wonder if he escaped without it?

—The following is from the London Punch: Why is an elephant like a brick? Because he can't climb a tree. The tree, moreover, leaves in spring and the elephant leaves in the menagerie.

—A juvenile enquirer was looking at some of those pictures of angels in which only the heads and wings are visible, and after a few minutes reflection, gave voice to his thoughts as follows: “Well mamma how do they sit down?”

—It is said that at a Boston seance a sorrowing widower succeeded in establishing communication with his wife who had passed into the spirit land from the Hub. The man inquired if she was happy and if she liked her new surroundings, to which she replied: “Well, dear, it is very charming and pleasant and all that, but of course you know, dear, it isn't Boston.”

“Father, why do they say corporations have no souls?”

“Well, my son, you have often heard of the head of a corporation but you never heard of one of them having a foot. What use would a sole be to them under the circumstances?”

“No use, pa, except to walk over people instead of riding over them as they do now.”

—A conversation between a married man and a confirmed old bachelor:

“Do you know that it is a most lamentable fact that you are not married?”

“Why?”

“Because you are leading such a lonely, selfish life. Suppose some one should be obliged to break into your room some morning and find you dead.”

“Well it might hurt his feelings, but I am sure it would not injure mine.”

“I tell you what, friends,” said the deacon, when he finished saying grace, “we have more to be thankful for than you are aware of. You don't know what a narrow escape we've had from losing the best part of our dinner. Last night I heard the dog bark and going down the alley found the shutter open. Somebody on the inside whispered, ‘Is that you, Dick?’ ‘Yes,’ I answered, for you know my name is Richard. ‘Here, take him,’ said the other handing out the turkey which I quietly took and bore away.”

—Botts came down to breakfast the other morning at his boarding house and looking about the scanty spread table, put his hand on his head and said: “Everything makes me sick to-day.”

“Ah,” replied the landlady sympathetically, “you need a spring tonic.”

“Yes,” said Botts, as he took a cold baked bean on his fork, “the doctor prescribed one for me the other day.”

“Indeed, what was it?”

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